

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8024

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As Passed Senate, February 14, 2008

**Brief Description:** Requesting that Highway 112 be named the "Vietnam War Veterans' Memorial Highway."

**Sponsors:** Senators Hargrove, Haugen, Benton, Franklin, Spanel, Marr, Sheldon, Roach, Hobbs, Kilmer, Shin, McAuliffe, Rasmussen and Carrell.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/28/08, 1/29/08 [DP].  
Passed Senate: 2/14/08, 47-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Kastama, Kilmer, King, Pflug, Sheldon and Spanel.

**Staff:** Hayley Gamble (786-7452)

**Background:** Current law authorizes the Washington Transportation Commission (Commission) to name or re-name state transportation facilities, such as state highways, bridges, and ferry terminals.

The entity or person requesting the naming must provide evidence, as determined by the Commission, indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. Historically, the Legislature passing a memorial in support of a naming proposal has been considered by the Commission as a measure of community support.

The Commission typically holds public hearings on naming proposals to collect additional input from residents, elected officials, and other groups who represent the area encompassing the transportation facility to be named.

**Summary of Bill:** The Legislature requests that the Commission name Highway 112 in Clallam County, between the junction of Highway 101 and the junction of Highway 113, the "Vietnam War Veterans' Memorial Highway."

In its message to the Commission, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, the memorial recognizes those who served in Vietnam and the sacrifices they made.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: It is important to honor and recognize all war veterans, and in this case to honor Vietnam War veterans. Vietnam War veterans have not always been treated kindly by the public.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Hargrove, prime sponsor; Mike Partridge, Veterans Legislative Committee.